

2023 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Date and time: 21st October 2023 – 18h00 (Paris Time)
Place: Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance:

Executive Committee

Lorand Utassy (HUN - President), Marja Hoveling (ARU), Stéphan Roche (FRA), Alistair Masters (GBR), Farrah Hall (USA)

Technical Committee

Javier Blanco Gomez (ESP), Ajit DIAZ (IND)

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoewel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

Paid Members' Delegates

NCA	2023 AGM Delegates	NCA	2023 AGM Delegates	NCA	2023 AGM Delegates
ARU	Marja Hoveling	GBR	Ali Masters	NZL	Barbara Kendall
AUS	Ian Fox	GER	Georg Friemel	PER	Nicolas Schreier
BEL	Johan Broucke	HKG	Man Ka-kei	POL	Lukasz Buderaski
BRA	Larissa Schenker	HUN	Lorand Utassy	TUR	Ferit Ercan
CRO	Damir Cargo	ISR	Ronnie Meir	USA	Farrah Hall
CYP	Andreas Carioulou	ITA	Antonino Cangemi		
DEN	Nikolaj Kruppa	JPN	Yasuko Kosuge	38	Total expected
ESP	Mateo Sanz	LAT	Janis Preiss	22	Total in attendance
EST	Matthew Rickard	NED	Robbert-Jan van Velzen	3	Excused but voted online
FRA	Stephan Roche	NOR	Geir Mioen		Present, but did not vote

According to the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class' Constitution, delegates and postal votes together must represent a minimum of 1/3rd of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members.

The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class has a total of 38 Full Members.

1/3rd from 38 Full Members is 13.

There were 22 Members represented, which represents 58% of the iQFOiL Class fully paid Members. The Quorum requirements at a General Assembly were met as per Constitution 6.8 and therefore was declared valid.

Class' Executive Committee

Lorand Utassy (HUN – President)
Marja Hoveling (ARU)
Stéphan Roche (FRA)
Alistair Masters (GBR)
Farrah Hall (USA)

5 of the 7 members of the Executive Committee were present at the General Assembly

Chairman of the AGM - (Const. #6.5)

Lorand Utassy (HUN – President)

Moderating & Votes counting

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel
Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

Welcome by the President of the Class

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the 2023 iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Annual General Meeting! It's fantastic to have all of you here today.

I'm excited about the discussions and collaboration that await us.

Thank you for joining us!

Approval of the 2022 AGM's Minutes, held in Brest on the 3rd of November 2022.

The 2022 AGM's Minutes have been approved.

President's Report

It has been a remarkable year filled with significant achievements and growth in our Class.

Record-breaking European Youth & Junior Championships: In 2023, we witnessed an unprecedented milestone as the European Youth & Junior Championships saw an astounding 423 competitors participating. This remarkable turnout demonstrates the increasing popularity and success of the Class, surpassing all previous records.

Emerging Nations Training Camp Program: The class worked on a program of training camps designed to develop talent in emerging nations. Under the expert coordination of Karolina KLUSZCZYNSKA, our Class Youth & Junior coach, and with the guidance of Gonzalo and Valérie, we successfully organized two courses prior to our main events. This achievement was made possible through a generous donation of €47,554.23 from the RS:X Class.

Enhanced Cooperation with iQFOiL Class: We have witnessed a growing collaboration between the iQFOiL Class and the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class. This synergy is greatly attributed to the dedicated members

serving on both Executive Committees and events that host both series, such as the iQFOiL International Games in Cadiz. This collaboration strengthens our collective efforts and promote the growth of our class.

Financial Health: Thanks to well-organized events, a high number of registrations, the generous contributions of €15,000 from Sestar (Staboard + Severn) and the substantial donation from the RS:X Class, our Class's finances are in excellent shape. This financial stability has allowed us to make several positive decisions.

Increased Salaries for Key Personnel: In recognition of their dedication and exceptional contributions to our class, we have decided to increase the salaries of two vital members of our team: Gonzalo Costa Hoevel, our Class Manager, and Valérie Boutet Massonneau, the Executive Secretary. This is a well-deserved acknowledgment of their tireless efforts in driving our class forward.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team of professionals and officials who tirelessly work behind the scenes to ensure the continued growth and success of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class on events.

In conclusion, the past year has been filled with accomplishments that have propelled our class to new heights. As we gather for this AGM, let us remain committed to our mission of fostering youth and junior windsurfing talent worldwide. Together, we can look forward to another year of growth, success, and collaboration.

Thank you for your continued support!

Class Manager's Report

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel - Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

We have had Valerie working as Executive Class Secretary since last September which has been great shot of energy not only on the day to day but at events.

As well we have managed to develop a professional team committed to come to all our events which provide consistency.

The youth and Junior numbers had grown massively, 423 sailors at the Europeans and almost 400 now in Cadiz.

We have extended the age group from U21 to U23 on the senior to help in the transition and to get the Ex Youth sailors more years to adapt to the senior fleet. We have a specific U23 Worlds too.

We have invested in Media and we want to make sure that the Y&J Class gets the great exposure that it deserves, as the Senior Class had at some events. We will have livestream here in Cadiz.

We had our first Class Camp in Garda before the Europeans with 25 sailors and three coaches. We subsidised a big portion of it and we have the same system here in Cadiz with 16 athletes.

We are standing out as an Olympic Class in almost every aspect, securing our presence in LA and most certainly future cycles.

Events '23 iQFOiL Y&J

iQ Games: Cadiz ESP, Campione ITA,

Continental: Sydney AUS, Clearwater USA, Bucios BRA, Torbole ITA, Shenzhen CHN

Worlds Cadiz ESP

Events '24 iQFOiL Y&J

iQ Games: Cadiz ESP, Campione ITA,
 Continentals: Sydney AUS, Pensacola USA, ARU, Embrun FRA,
 Worlds Sa Rapita, Palma de Mallorca ESP
 Events '23 iQFOiL Y&J
 iQ Games: Cadiz ESP, Campione ITA,
 Continentals: Sydney AUS, Clearwater USA, Bucios BRA, Torbole ITA, Shenzhen CHN
 Worlds Cadiz ESP

Events '24 iQFOiL Y&J
 iQ Games: Cadiz ESP, Campione ITA,
 Continentals: Sydney AUS, Pensacola USA, ARU, Embrun FRA,
 Worlds Sa Rapita, Palma de Mallorca ESP

Class Accounts and Financial Statements

Registered Office & Headquarters

The International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
 c/o Fischer Ramp Buchmann AG
 Brandschenkestrasse 6
 8001 Zürich, SWITZERLAND

The Association's Bank Accounts

2022 iQFOiL Accounts on Income and Expenses

INCOMES		EXPENSES	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS FEE		ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
	8 861,00 €	WS Annual Membership Fee	264,65 €
IQFOIL EVENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS		Class Officers Travel & Accomodation Expenses	5 434,45 €
	183 720,12 €	Media	5 700,00 €
SPONSORSHIPS		Website	245,98 €
	15 000,00 €	Office Expenses & Working Tools	5 855,79 €
OTHER INCOMES			
Paypal account balance	19 368,13 €	IQFOIL EVENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS	
		Sharing registration fees with the Organising Authority	75 527,31 €
		E.N. Training Camp	0,00 €
		Officials' and Race Management crew's invoices	20 976,15 €
		Providers (ROM, Sailti, Sailmon)	6 477,60 €
		HUMAN RESOURCES	
		iQFOIL Class employees	30 800,00 €
		Accounting & legal fees	16 085,03 €
		BANK CHARGES	126,44 €
		OTHER (Refunds, donations)	1 255,96 €
		VAT	
TOTAL INCOME	226 949,25 €	TOTAL EXPENSES	168 749,36 €

2023 iQFOiL Y&J Accounts on Income and Expenses

INCOMES		EXPENSES	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount excl. VAT
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS FEE		ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
	8 475,50 €	WS Annual Membership Fee	264,06 €
iQFOiL EVENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS		Class Officers Travel & Accomodation Expenses	2 897,35 €
iQFOiL Championships	292 542,24 €	Media	10 425,00 €
E.N. Training Camp	9 000,00 €	Website	270,07 €
SPONSORSHIPS		Office Expenses & Working Tools	0,00 €
	15 600,00 €	iQFOiL EVENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS	
OTHER INCOMES		Sharing registration fees with the Organising Authority	81 590,31 €
VAT	107,15 €	E.N. Training Camp	21 210,60 €
		Officials' and Race Management crew's invoices	7 533,50 €
		Providers (Sailti, Sailing Energy, WS Technical)	6 268,70 €
		HUMAN RESOURCES	
		iQFOiL Class employees	33 050,00 €
		Accounting & legal fees	6 745,29 €
		BANK CHARGES	59,70 €
		OTHER (Registration Refunds from YJ to Senior)	57 744,47 €
		VAT	2 622,86 €
TOTAL INCOME	325 724,89 €	TOTAL EXPENSES	230 681,91 €

ACCOUNTING BALANCE

95 042,98 €

About the iQFOiL EN Training Camps:

World Sailing Emerging Nations Program (ENP) mission is to increase the number of sailors participating at international major events, with the objective of narrowing the performance gap and promoting worldwide competition.

The International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association is supporting the ENP by providing experts iQFOiL Class coach for competitors who are nationals of and compete for emerging nations. The training camps have been extended to include racers sailing outside Europe.

Since the last AGM, two Training Camps have been organised, largely funded by donations from the RS:X Class. One took place in Torbole before the Y&J European Championship in July and the other before the Y&J World Championship in Cadiz in October.

Submissions votes

The voting system was described.

Voting will take place by filling in an online form.

The voting form must be returned by midnight on the day of the AGM.

Submissions were voted in the following order:

YJ AGM 01-23 (EXCOM) – CONSTITUTION CHANGE: Extending ExCom office from 1 to 2 years

Purpose:

Extending the term of office of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee from 1 to 2 years can bring about several benefits, including streamlining administrative processes and improving the overall effectiveness of the Executive Committee.

YES	NO
96%	4%

YES : 96% - Extending the term of office of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee from 1 to 2 years is approved

YJ AGM 02-23 (EXCOM) – CONSTITUTION CHANGE: Updating the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Constitution

Purpose:

Updating the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Constitution to facilitate the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting by the Executive Committee offers advantages, including responsive decision-making, member input, flexibility, crisis management capabilities, accountability, improved governance, enhanced member trust, conflict resolution mechanisms, and long-term sustainability. These benefits ultimately contribute to the overall health and success of the class and its ability to serve its members effectively.

YES	NO
100%	0%

YES : 100% - Updating the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Constitution to facilitate the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting by the Executive Committee is approved

YJ AGM 03-23 (EXCOM) – CLASS RULES CHANGE: Youth & Junior Equipment Weight

Purpose:

The lighter harness weight (max 2,5kg) aligns with the developmental focus of youth categories. It encourages sailors to prioritize skill development and technique over raw physical strength, which is especially important during these formative years.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

When the delegates vote on this submission, they should also bear in mind that some riders, particularly in the U19 category, race in Youth as well as Senior categories. So, potentially, they will have to buy two different harnesses.

Barbara KENDALL (NZL)

Are we talking about a mass-produced harness or a custom harness? Are Y&J sailors allowed to have custom harnesses?

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
Yes, sailors can use one or the other.

The lighter harness weight aligns with the developmental focus of Junior category. It encourages sailors to prioritize skill development and technique over raw physical strength, which is especially important during these formative years.

YES	NO
82%	18%

YES : 82% - Lowering the harness weight from 4kg to 2.5kg for the U19 and U17 categories in iQFOiL Youth & Junior competitions is approved

YJ AGM 04-23 (EXCOM) – CLASS RULES CHANGE: Personal Equipment Total Weight

Purpose:

Lowering the total weight of a competitor's clothing and equipment in the Youth & Junior iQFOiL Class from 9kg to 8.5kg, along with the reduction in harness weight, promotes fairness, safety, and accessibility while aligning with the evolving needs of young windsurfers. These changes can help create a more inclusive and competitive environment for young sailors.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

Be careful to consider this submission as the counterpart to the previous one, otherwise you risk finding yourself in a complicated situation.

Barbara KENDALL (NZL)

Is the weight of equipment checked at iQFOiL Events in the same way as foils, for example?

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
Yes.

But if the sailors initially seemed obsessed with weight, the situation seems to have normalised. The other performance factors seem to be coming back into play and becoming the priority.

YES	NO
68%	32%

YES: 68% - Lowering the total weight of clothing and worn equipment from 9kg to 8,5kg is approved

YJ AGM 05-23 (FRA) – CLASS RULES CHANGE - Hull Appendages: Carbon Foil Mast for U17

Purpose :

The carbon mast is easier to launch and control in strong winds. The wind range for validating races is therefore greater.

Even if the aluminium mast is cheaper when you buy the U17 pack, you need to buy a carbon mast when you grow in U19 division. At the end, the cost is higher.

Carbon shaft is stronger and when you have an accident, it could be repaired. Safety:

Aluminium mast is harder to control, causes more falls and makes practice more dangerous.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

Agrees that the aluminium mast is harder to navigate. In addition, there's a reliability problem with the plastic caps, which break too regularly.

Lukasz BUDERASKI (POL)

We mustn't lose sight of the fact that the first problem with aluminium masts is sailors' safety.

In Poland, the U17s are already equipped with a carbon mast for training and an aluminium mast for iQFOiL competitions.

Ali MASTERS (GBR)

The problem with switching from aluminium masts to carbon masts for the U17s is the entry price for the youngest competitors.

This significantly higher price may discourage this age group from taking part in iQFOiL events.

Another question is whether Starboard will have the capacity to produce so many new foils if the change is made.

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

The difference in price between an aluminium mast and a carbon mast is around €1,300.

Starboard will have the production capacity. What's more, there is now a substantial second-hand market for carbon masts.

The advantage of an aluminium mast is that a sailor can keep all the way to U19 level.

But there is still the question of the entry price into the Class for first-time iQFOiL sailors.

Marja HOVELING (ARU) + Nicolas SCHREIER (PER)

For emerging nations, it is already complicated to structure an iQFOiL Y&J circuit, and the switch from an aluminium mast to a carbon mast, and the increase in the price of entry into the Class, is not going to make things any easier.

Antonino CANGEMI (ITA)

Agrees that the entry price to the Class for first-time sailors should be kept as reasonable as possible.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

If the submission is approved, when will the change take effect?

Valérie BOUTET MASSONNEAU - Class Executive Secretary of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

It seems reasonable to apply the change only from the 24' European Championships scheduled for July in Embrun, France.

Barbara KENDALL (NZL) + Farrah HALL (USA)

A change before July does not seem realistic. July may even be a little too soon.

Marja HOVELING (ARU) + Barbara KENDALL (NZL)

By extension, the Class is asked to reconsider the date of the World Championships. The months of July

and August are more suitable for countries outside Europe. This allows them to travel for a longer period and take part in several regattas, which is not the case when the World Championships is scheduled in October. October is also exam time in New Zealand.

YES	NO
52%	48%

YES : 52% - As this is a change to the Class rules, this submission requires 2/3 of votes in favour to be approved. As a result, allowing carbon foil mast for U17is not approved.

YJ AGM 06-23 (EXCOM) – CLASS RULES CHANGE: 7m2 Sail Identification

Purpose:

Adding the country identification stickers on the 7m2 sail in the iQFOiL Junior Category can enhance visibility, clarity, and the overall professionalism of the iQFOiL Class. It also contributes to a more engaging and exciting experience for spectators and participants alike, ultimately promoting the growth and development of the iQFOiL Junior Class.

YES	NO
92%	8%

YES: 92% - Adding the country identification stickers on the 7m2 sails in the iQFOiL Junior Category is approved

YJ AGM 07-23 (FRA) – CLASS RULES CHANGE - Boom for U17 division

Purpose:

The Boom 186-236 is stronger

Allow the choice between the two boom to keep a light rig for smaller sailors and a stronger rig for heavier sailors.

The price difference is not significant (30/40€)

YES	NO
95%	5%

YES: 92% - Allowing 186-236 Aluminium Race Boom for U17 Division is approved

YJ AGM 08-23 (EXCOM) – CLASS RULES CHANGE: Sails for the U19 divisions

Purpose:

Authorizing a second 7m2 HGO sail for the iQFOiL U19 series, in addition to the existing HGO 8m2 sail, can bring about several advantages for young sailors and the overall development of the iQFOiL: Not all young sailors may be physically or skill-wise ready to handle the HGO 8m2 sail. A HGO 7m2 sail offers a more accessible option, allowing a wider range of participants to compete and enjoy iQFOiL at their own pace.

Antonino CANGEMI (ITA)

Is the 7m2 proposed in the submission the same sail as the one currently used by the U17s?

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
No, it would be the 7m2 HGO, with a wider sleeve.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

Doesn't such a submission deviate from the principle of One Design Class?

YES	NO
62%	38%

YES : 62% - As this is a change to the Class rules, this submission requires 2/3 of votes in favour to be approved. As a result, authorizing a second 7m2 HGO sail for the iQFOiL U19 series, in addition to the existing HGO 8m2 sail, is not approved.

YJ AGM 09-23 (EXCOM) – CLASS RULES CHANGE: HGO 8m2 Sail Identification

Purpose:

To enable the national flag on HGO 8m2 to be affixed more effectively: Gluing the National Flag to the top of the mini batten created an air pocket that made gluing difficult, and the glue tended to come apart prematurely.

Ali MASTERS (GBR)

Couldn't we extend the tolerance from 5mm to 10mm and align this change for all sails in the range for all categories?

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
 Yes.

YES	NO
100%	0%

YES: 100% - Enabling the national flag on iQFOiL Sails to be affixed more effectively is approved

Election of the President and members of the Executive Committee

The voting system was described.

Voting will take place by filling in an online form.

The voting form must be returned by midnight on the day of the AGM.

Election of President

Following the withdrawal of the candidacy of Mr Ronnie Meir (ISR), there is only one candidate left, Lorand Utassy (HUN).

7 other candidates have presented their application to the Executive Committee:

1. Marja Hoveling (ARU) – Running for re-election
2. Stephan Roche (FRA) – Running for re-election
3. Alistair Masters (GBR) – Running for re-election
4. Ronnie Meir (ISR) – Running for re-election
5. Lukasz Buderaski (POL)
6. Ferit Ercan (TUR)
7. Farrah Hall (USA) – Running for re-election

The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be composed of a minimum 5 and a maximum 9 persons, we have 7 declared candidates.

All delegates voted in favour of the above list, as such, all declared candidates will sit on the next Executive Committee.

The Class will be chaired by Lorand UTASSY as President for the coming year.

Ali MASTERS (GBR)

Regrets that there are no representatives from Asian countries, for example.

Valérie BOUTET MASSONNEAU - Class Executive Secretary of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

Nothing prevents the Executive Committee from inviting other members to its meetings when the subject on the agenda requires their presence.

Any other business

Ali MASTERS (GBR)

Given the ever-increasing number of entries for the iQFOiL Y&J European and World Championships, the U17 and U19 events should be systematically organised separately.

Geir MJOEN (NOR) + Robbert-Jan VAN VELZEN (NED)

Agree with this proposal.

Matt RICKARD (EST)

The two events could be organised one after the other, which would make logistics simpler for countries with smaller numbers of riders.

2023 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association Annual General Assembly ended at 19.51

International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association's President – Lorand UTASSY (HUN)



Class' Executive Secretary - Valérie BOUTET MASSONNEAU

